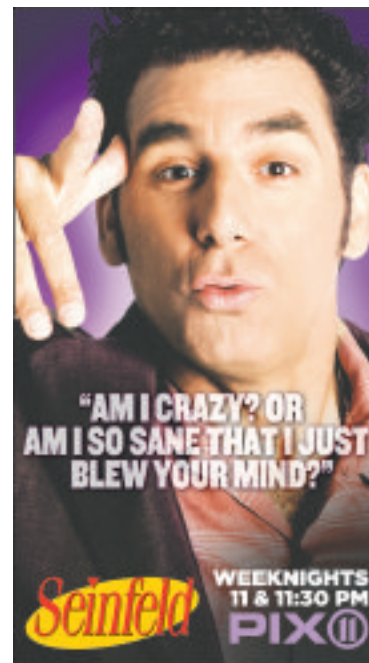


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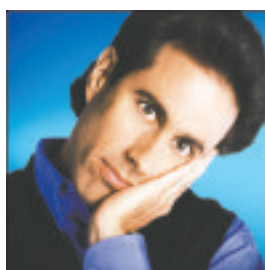
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Cicadas to swarm the city

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Kristen and Trixie Rapp are monitoring for the arrival of the Brood II cicada in Brooklyn. The male insect can project sounds as loud as a lawnmower. / AARON ADLER



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In the news

Man dies in bike ride

A cyclist died yesterday morning of an apparent heart attack while participating in the TD Five Boro Bike Tour. Michael Boren, 51, of Almont, Mich., went into cardiac arrest around 10:50 a.m. on the upper level of the Queensboro Bridge, according to police. He was taken to New York Presbyterian Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Quoted

"I don't know where it's going to happen. Basically these animals need 17 years of undisturbed trees, and I'm not sure of any spaces in the city except for places like Inwood Park."

Craig Gibbs



Trixie Rapp and mom, Kristen Bonardi Rapp, check out their Cicada Tracker in the Halsey Street Community Garden in Brooklyn. / AARON ADLER

Rare cicada swarm to buzz New York

Summer bugs. The Brood II only emerges every 17 years to wreak ear-splitting havoc.

Before you file a noise complaint about your neighbor's lawnmower, take heed. It might be bugs.

The anticipated eruption of ear-shattering insects has put New York in a frenzy. Everyone from couples planning outdoor weddings to cicada food enthusiasts are monitoring the birth of Brood II, a

strain of cicada that emerges just once every 17 years to mate and lay eggs.

"They don't do anything to people. They don't sting. They don't carry any diseases," said Craig Gibbs, an entomologist with the Wildlife Conservation Society at Queens Zoo.

The sound comes from the mating calls of male cicadas and can reach up to 90 decibels, as loud as a lawnmower.

One website, Cicada Mania, advises couples planning outdoor nuptials to avoid trees, use tents and hire bagpipers to drown out the noisy nuisances.

For adventurous food-



A Brood II cicada / DAN MOZGAI

ies, Dr. Jenna Jadin and the University of Maryland Cicadamanics have published a cicada recipe book, citing the insect's rich protein content.

Brood II emerge when underground temperatures stay above 64 degrees, usually in May, Gibbs said.

Quoted

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Gibbs

And he actually recommends not mowing lawns when the bugs are out. "It's a disgusting mess, because cicadas will be everywhere."

EVELYN CHENG
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NYPD. Jumper coaxed down from bridge

A suicidal man was coaxed down by cops on Saturday afternoon after climbing to the top of the Brooklyn Bridge.

The unidentified 52-year-old man used the bridge's support cables to reach top of the Manhattan-side tower. The NYPD then closed the bridge to traffic while officers donned harnesses to join

the man on the ledge.

Police said they were able to ascertain the man's concerns and convince him that he would receive help during an hour-long conversation. After being assisted down the support cables, the man was taken to Bellevue Hospital for evaluation.

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Gun death

Two arrested in shooting

Two Latin Kings gang members were arrested Saturday in Rhode Island in the shooting death of 17-year-old Bronx resident Alphonza Bryant.

One suspect, age 21, implicated himself in the homicide, whereas the other suspect, age 23, did not make any statements, according to the NYPD. Both live in the Bronx but apparently fled to Cumberland, R.I., after the April 22 shooting, which Mayor Michael Bloomberg has cited as an example of why stop-and-frisk is necessary.

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Blueway

City officials envision new East River plan

Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer announced a reimagining of the East River waterfront.

The East River Blueway Plan, created with residents, urban design experts and the Lower East Side Ecology Center, focuses on the waterfront from Brooklyn Bridge to East 38th Street.

Along with preventing such storm damage as experienced during Sandy, it includes new bike paths, beaches and boating spots.

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In Albany

Gov. opposes payday bill

Gov. Andrew Cuomo declared his opposition to a new bill allowing that would allow payday loans in a letter to assembly speaker Sheldon Silver, the state said. The bill would charge customers fees and high interest rates, the governor said.

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Police officers talk with the man on the Brooklyn Bridge. / NYPD



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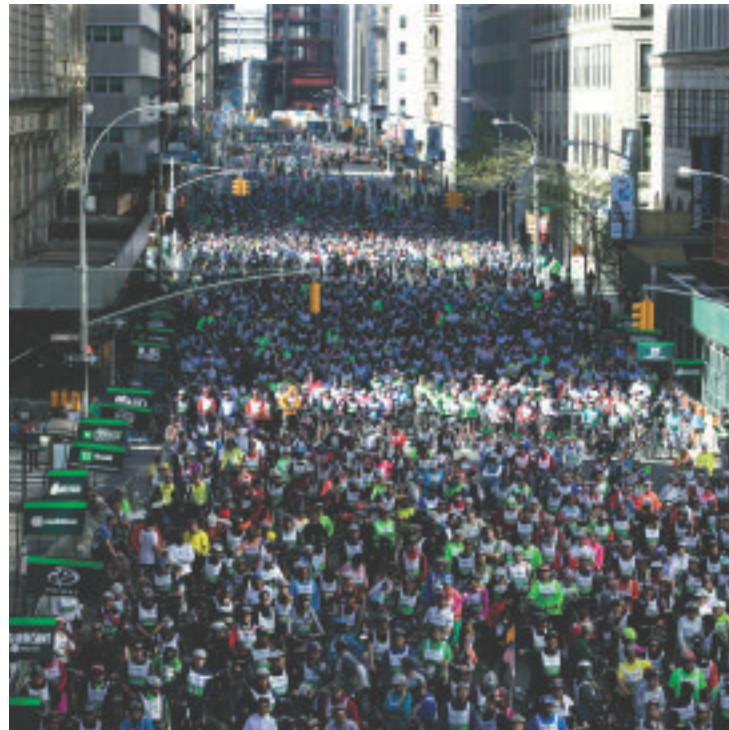


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**Cyclists take over New York during Five Boro Ride**

The streets of New York City were filled with the whirl of 32,000 bikes and their riders yesterday during the annual TD Five Boro Bike Tour. The 40-mile bike ride travels through all five boroughs and is America's largest cycling event. The event takes place on the first Sunday of May and is co-produced by Bike New York and the New York City Department of Transportation. / AARON ADLER

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New York State has a \$400 million program to buy back Sandy homes in flood zones. / GETTY IMAGES

Sandy-struck NYers seek home buyouts

Aftermath. Joseph Szczesny's Staten Island home was inundated when Sandy slammed into the East Coast.

Now six months later, the 63-year-old bridge repairman and his fiancée are all but alone in their Oakwood Beach neighborhood on the borough's flood-prone seafloor. And they have had enough.

"If you stay, you're

rolling the dice," Szczesny said. "And I don't feel lucky."

Szczesny and nearly all of his neighbors have volunteered to sell their homes to New York state under a \$400 million program spearheaded by Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

So far \$171 million has been approved. The Governor hopes to take more than 1,000 high-risk properties off the market and reduce the state's future storm liability.

For those in the New York City area who qual-

Quoted

"There are some parcels that Mother Nature owns. ... She may only visit once every few years, but she owns the parcel and when she comes to visit, she visits."

Gov. Andrew Cuomo

ify, the state plan could pay them up to 100 percent of their property's pre-storm value. **REUTERS**

Sex crime

Man sexually assaulted young girls

Police are searching for a man who sexually assaulted two girls, both age 7, in South Ozone Park, Queens, on Wednesday.

The suspect grabbed the first victim's buttocks, police said.

The suspect approached another 7-year-old and forced her to perform a sexual act. **LAURA SHIN**

Storm safety. City evaluates its Sandy response in report

The city has released a comprehensive review about superstorm Sandy, evaluating how its agencies functioned during the storm. Mayor Bloomberg ordered the report.

Officials issued 59 recommendations to prepare for the next storm.

Deputy Mayor Cas Holloway said Sandy "caused unprecedented damage throughout the five boroughs." **ALISON BOWEN**



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Savage act. Man tries to rape 13-year-old girl in Coney Island

Cops are looking for a man who tried to rape a 13-year-old girl in Coney Island.

According to cops, on April 30 around 3:30 p.m., the girl was walking into her building's elevator when she encountered the suspect, who also took the elevator down to the basement.

Then he threatened her with a pair of scissors, forced her out of the elevator and tried to rape her, cops said.

The suspect, described as a white man in his 30s, was last seen in all-black clothing.

Anyone with information should call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-577-TIPS (5477). **ALISON BOWEN**

Healthy crooks

Big juice heist in Queens

More than 15,000 bottles of Blueprint cleanse juice, which retail for \$10 apiece, were allegedly stolen Friday from a Long Island City warehouse, according to the NYPD. **JESSE GREENSPAN**

Election 2013

Chin seeks reelection

City Councilwoman Margaret Chin officially kicked off her reelection campaign on Sunday. She has represented her Lower Manhattan district since 2010. **JESSE GREENSPAN**

Officials: Don't shut the L train on holidays



The L train will be open during the upcoming Northside Festival.
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Underground. The L train won't be shut during the Northside Festival.

The MTA agreed to reschedule subway work after locals complained that shutting the L during a holiday would hurt businesses.

Originally scheduled for the weekend of June 15-17, that L train shutdown will now be pushed back to June 22-24, an MTA spokesman told Metro.

"We are pleased that we were able to accommodate the community's request by rescheduling," spokesman Charles Seaton said.

The change comes after officials complained on Thursday that the L train shouldn't be closed on holiday and festival weekends. The other shutdown is

L train firestorm

"Of course, we will continue to make every endeavor to avoid major shutdowns on weekends which interfere with important events in communities served by the L line."

Charles Seaton

planned for Memorial Day weekend.

State Sen. Daniel Squadron said the L train shutdowns were announced without first consulting the community.



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Club Getaway: Camp's Not Just For Kids Anymore

I never went to summer camp as a kid. My buddy Steve did, and tells me constantly about a similar experience for us "old" guys (two 31-year-olds) in the form of a weekend summer camp for adults called Club Getaway. After two summers I cave in and off we go. I warn him if I awake to find my boxers waving from the flagpole or Freddie Kruger in my bed, I'm out of there, however.

We arrive, and the activity choices seem endless – waterskiing, volleyball, trapeze, mountain biking, wakeboarding, a 350-foot zip line, rock climbing, coed softball, golf, archery – even basketball with

an NBA pro. We put our iPhones down, stopped debating fantasy football and spent the entire weekend like two sports-crazed warriors.

We met a couple of cool girls which lead to doubles tennis matches, a kayaking race, hikes along the wooded trails and sailing out into the middle of the lake. They even convinced us to take a wine tasting class. Where else can you be in the wilderness, work on your serve, and learn about varietal wines all in the same afternoon? At night there was a bonfire

complete with an acoustic guitar and s'mores. The girls seemed impressed with my rendition of Kumbaya.

As we climb aboard the bus for the ride home, I tell Steve, "I can't believe I didn't listen to you sooner" and he comments on how maybe now I'll take his fantasy picks more



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Israel strikes Syria, says targeting Hezbollah arms



Egypt condemned Israel's air strikes as a breach of international law. / GETTY IMAGES

Air raid. People say they were woken by explosions that shook the ground like an earthquake and sent pillars of flame high into the night sky.

Israeli jets devastated Syrian targets near Damascus yesterday in a heavy overnight air raid that Western and Israeli officials called a new strike on Iranian missiles bound for Lebanon's Hezbollah.

"Night turned into day," one man told Reuters from his home at Hameh, near one of the targets, the Jamraya military base.

But for all the angry rhetoric in response from Tehran and from the government of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, it



Jordanian opposition party members carry a Syrian flag and shout slogans against Israel near the Israeli embassy in Amman yesterday. / GETTY IMAGES

was unclear whether the second such raid in 48 hours would elicit any greater reaction than an Israeli attack in the same area in January, which was followed by little evident change.

The Syrian government accused Israel of effectively helping al Qaeda Islamist "terrorists" and said the strikes "open the door to all possibilities" — but Israeli officials said that, as in January, they were calculating Assad would not pick a fight

with a well-armed neighbor while facing defeat at home.

Denying it was weighing in on the rebel side on behalf of Washington — which opposes Assad but is hesitating to intervene — officials said Israel was pursuing its own conflict, not with Syria but with Iran, and was acting to prevent Iran's Hezbollah allies receiving missiles that might strike Tel Aviv if Israel made good on threats to attack Tehran's nuclear program. **REUTERS**

Syrian conflict

Egypt condemns Israeli attack

Egypt condemned the attack, saying it complicated a crisis that Cairo was trying to help resolve.

Israel carried out its second air strike in

days on Syria, targeting Iranian-supplied missiles headed for Lebanon's Hezbollah, a Western intelligence source said.

In a statement, Egypt's presidency said the attack was a violation of international law and a threat to regional security and stability

that "made the situation more complicated." Egypt's Islamist leaders came to power last year after an uprising in 2011 and have been critical of the Syrian government's efforts to put down an insurgency that erupted weeks after Egypt's street revolt. **REUTERS**



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The law is expected to cover 15 million Americans next year through the exchanges and an expansion of Medicaid. The overall number is forecast to jump to 38 million by 2022. / GETTY IMAGES

Obamacare is on the horizon, but will enough people enroll?

Health care.

Democrats worry
as fall sign-up
period draws near.

Healthcare reform should be the signature Democratic achievement of President Barack Obama's presidency.

But with "Obamacare" five months from showtime, Democrats are worried about whether enough Americans will sign up to make the sweeping healthcare overhaul a success — and what failure might mean for Congress heading into the 2016.

Some of the law's main advocates fear that not

enough of America's 49 million uninsured will know about health coverage offered in their own states. Even if they do, new insurance plans may not be attractive to young, healthy consumers needed to offset an expected influx of older and sicker patients.

Only a handful of states are beginning campaigns to promote the online health insurance marketplaces created by the law. Known as exchanges, the markets will offer private coverage at federally subsidized rates to individuals and families with low-to-moderate incomes, with enrollment set to begin Oct. 1.

The federal government has kept quiet about

its promotion plans, which are expected to begin in earnest over the summer.

While Obama and his administration say they are working nonstop on reform, analysts believe a poor performance could make the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act a big enough campaign issue in 2014 to jeopardize Democratic control of the Senate — particularly if insurance costs rise sharply.

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Obamacare

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The program is only expected to reach about 7 million people nationwide in its first year.

Sluggish competition

Big insurers wary of entering new Obamacare markets

The nation's largest health insurers are far from leaping at the chance to join new state health insurance exchanges under President Barack Obama's reform law, making it likely that some markets will have

little or no competition next year.

These new insurance marketplaces are due to open their doors on Oct. 1 to enroll millions of Americans who have not been able to buy coverage on their own.

A key principle of Obama's health reform is that individuals will have a robust offering of insurance plans to choose from, and that competition for new customers in each state will help keep

prices down for consumers.

But health insurers, some of whom fought the law before it was passed and continue to lobby to reverse parts of it, are wary. In recent days, executives at the four largest health insurers say they are likely to sell insurance plans on less than a third of the exchanges, reluctant to venture out beyond the states where they already offer coverage. REUTERS

Owner of collapsed building facing murder complaint

Collapse. He is one of nine people being held in connection with the disaster, which the government has blamed on the building's faulty, illegal construction.

The wife of a Bangladeshi garment worker who was killed when a building collapsed filed a murder complaint against the building's owner on Sunday as the death toll from the country's worst industrial disaster climbed to 622.

Murder complaints were also filed against the owner of one of the garment factories inside the building and a municipal engineer in the suburb of the capital, Dhaka, where the factory was located.

The owner of the Rana

Plaza building, Mohamed Sohel Rana, was arrested after a four-day hunt as he appeared to be trying to flee across the border to India.

Rana and the others in police custody could face the death penalty if found guilty of murder or mass manslaughter.

None of the accused has commented publicly on the accusation that they were to blame.

Hundreds of relatives gathered at the site of the disaster on Sunday, some holding up photographs of family members.

A teenage girl broke down in tears when she recognized the body of her mother by her dress after she was brought from the ruins.

In all, 53 bodies were recovered on Sunday and rescue workers said they could see more trapped in the rubble. The smell of decomposing bodies hung in the air. **REUTERS**



Rana wears police-issued body armor and helmet as he is escorted to his appearance at the High Court in Dhaka on April 30, 2013.

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Death toll

622

The death toll from the country's worst industrial disaster, and rescue workers said they could see more trapped in the rubble.

Cheap labor

\$38

About 4 million people work in Bangladesh's garment industry. Some workers earn as little as \$38 a month.

'Ridiculous.' Obama scoffs as Venezuela claims detainee is spy

Venezuela brushed off criticism from President Barack Obama and maintained its accusation that an American detainee in Caracas is a spy pretending to be a filmmaker.

During his visit to Latin America, Obama said the allegations against Tim Tracy, were "ridiculous."

But Interior Minister Miguel Rodriguez Torres insisted that intelligence agents tracking Tracy since

late 2012 had uncovered ample evidence he was plotting with militant anti-government factions to destabilize Venezuela with violence.

"When you want to do intelligence work in another country, all those big powers who do this type of spying, they often use the facade of a filmmaker, documentary-maker, photographer or journalist," he told state TV. **REUTERS**

57 wounded

Tanzanian church blast kills one

A suspected bomb attack on a new Catholic church in the northern Tanzanian town of Arusha killed at least one person and wounded

dozens of others yesterday.

The Vatican's ambassador to Tanzania, Archbishop Francisco Montecillo Padilla, was attending the official opening of the church when the explosion occurred, but escaped unharmed. **REUTERS**

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Apple avoids \$9.2B in taxes with debt deal



Apple iPhone / GETTY IMAGES

Stock. Apple's sale of bonds this week was the biggest corporate offering on record.

Apple Inc. avoided as much as \$9.2 billion in taxes by financing part of a \$55 billion stock buyback with debt rather than offshore cash that would have been billed by the U.S. government, Moody's Investment Services estimates.

Based on current rates, Apple will pay interest of about \$308 million a year on the \$17 billion bond offering, said Gerald Granovsky, a senior vice president at Moody's.

"From a pure corporate-finance theory perspective, this was a no-brainer," Granovsky said.

If the funds had come from Apple's offshore cash pile of about \$100 billion, the Cupertino, Calif.-based iPhone maker

would have had to pay a 35 percent tax to repatriate the money, Granovsky said. That means Apple avoided about \$9.2 billion in taxes. And since interest payments are tax-deductible, that's another \$100 million a year, Granovsky said.

In fiscal year 2012, Apple paid \$6 billion in federal corporate income taxes, which is 1 out of every 40 dollars in corporate income taxes collected by the U.S. government, said Steve Dowling, a company spokesman.

"That makes Apple one of the top corporate income tax payers in the country, if not the largest," he said. **BLOOMBERG**

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Copyright. Harper Lee sues agent over 'Mockingbird' money

Harper Lee, the 87-year-old author of "To Kill a Mockingbird," sued her literary agent, claiming he took advantage of her age and infirmity to deprive her of royalties from the novel.

Lee, of Monroeville, Ala., sued Samuel Pinkus, the agent, and others seeking to ensure her ownership of the copyright to the 1960 novel and to compel forfeiture of the agent's commissions, according to a complaint filed yesterday in federal court in New York.

Lee, who has failing eyesight and hearing, was residing in an assisted-living facility in 2007 after suffering a stroke when she signed a document assigning her copyright to Pinkus' company, according to the complaint. While the copyright was re-assigned to Lee last year after legal action and Pinkus was discharged as Lee's agent, he was



Circa 1960: American author Harper Lee / GETTY IMAGES

still receiving royalties from the novel as of this year, according to the complaint.

"Pinkus knew that Harper Lee was an elderly woman with physical infirmities that made it difficult for her to read and see," Gloria Phares, Lee's lawyer, said in the complaint. "Harper Lee had no idea she had assigned her copyright [to Pinkus' company]." **BLOOMBERG**



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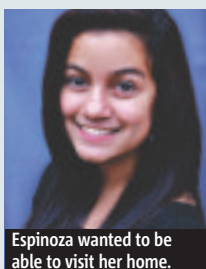
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High hopes for the big decision

Magdalena Espinoza



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Size matters (so does place)

For Magdalena Espinoza of Manlius, N.Y., location was the critical factor in choosing a college — overruling the fact that she found the size of the school she chose intimidating.

"I applied to many small schools, but [SUNY] Binghamton is a big school. ... I made the decision ... because I thought it was in the perfect location. I did not want to be in the same city I grew up in, but I also wanted to be close so that I could come back home anytime."



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Choosing a college is a step toward independence for teens. / THINKSTOCK IMAGES

College-bound.
Choosing a college is often the first major decision that a young adult makes. Meet the Class of 2017.

Most college admission decisions were due at the

Shain Goldman

All about the Benjamins

For Shain Goldman of Albany, the bottom line financially was what mattered most in his decision.

"I was kind of torn between two schools. I did a summer program at Syracuse and that was my top choice. Once I was accepted there and also at SUNY Buffalo, those were my main two schools. It was stressful, but my brother and sister went to SUNY Buffalo. ... The tuition is such a big difference, I would have to take out a huge amount of loans, so it

beginning of this month. High school seniors face the challenge of sorting through acceptance letters amid the flurry of activity that accompanies the weeks prior to graduation. Whether their concerns are cost, location or the type of college they want to attend, it's a big choice for any student. We asked some of next year's frosh how they made the call.

seemed more practical to go with SUNY Buffalo. It was heartbreaking. ... But it just made economic sense to not have that much debt when starting my career."



Goldman was "kind of torn."

Alexander Cowen



Zander Cowen has concerns about Hampshire.

Fitting in

For Zander Cowen, a senior at Wayland High School in Massachusetts, enrolling at a small school was important — but he has some reservations.

"At a small college, it would be easier to form close, personal relationships with my professors. ... I'm concerned that I will not be able to fit in at Hampshire because I am so different than kids who attend the school. Hampshire College also doesn't have many club sports. ... The students that attend, from my understanding, don't play many sports."

Jack Brodsky



Brodsky is "still a little nervous."

Really down to the wire

For Manhattan senior Jack Brodsky, taking a day to mull over the decision to go to Parsons School of Design made him feel more sure — mostly: "I really waited until the very end to make the call. I needed that day [off from school] talking with my parents and thinking it over. ... I'm in the regret stage now, but that will pass. That shock of 'Wow, now I made my college decision' seems crazy to me. Today I feel pretty excited, but of course I'm still a little nervous."

New power behind US energy policy

Going global.

Columbia University brings in A-list brainpower to rethink energy.

After four years at the White House, serving as a special assistant to President Barack Obama on climate change and energy policy, Jason Bordoff has decided to dodge the burnout of the political machine and lead Columbia University in rethinking energy policy. The Center on Global Energy Policy launched this month, so we asked Bordoff about his

plans.

What is the larger goal of the center?

When I was in my job in Washington, there were policy issues that would hit your desk that you had to figure out by the end of the day. You didn't have time to really do deep analysis. You'd see some study funded by one industry, one study by another industry. We hope to be an objective, trusted source of analysis to help people understand.

You say the center is going to take a multidisciplinary approach. What do you mean by that?

What makes energy so in-

teresting to me is that you have to combine economics and environment, national security and science. Part of what's great about Columbia is being able to reach out to economics, science and global centers around the world that will bring people into the center. We plan to commission work from experts around the world on various topics. It's a local issue and a global security issue.

What will students gain from the center?

The center will help educate and engage students by allowing them to produce research, work with some of the fellows we bring in and develop

papers. I think it's a good way for students to work on real, tangible issues.

Hydraulic fracturing is a huge part of energy policy now. How will you address it?

It's not going to be about whether fracking is good or bad — it's about helping people understand how the world is changing and what that means. There are significant, important geopolitical implications to energy policy. We will try to be very balanced and explain what is happening, advise on policy and see

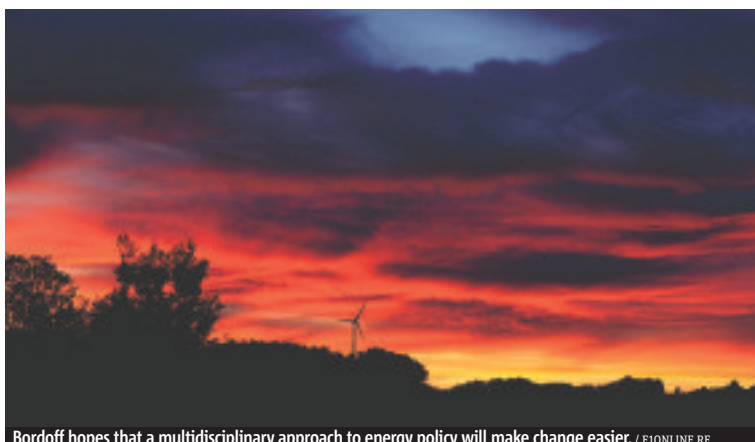
how the world of energy policy can match the rapid changes in the global energy landscape.

How will this research be used?

Sometimes academic papers sit on the shelf and they're rigorous and analytic but not as useful. Policy workers need useful research so they can read things quickly and really tackle how you fix energy problems.



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Bordoff hopes that a multidisciplinary approach to energy policy will make change easier. / FIONLINE RF



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CULTURE

Twitter feed

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Patrick Stewart is escaping, Snooki is sniffing, and Seth Rogen and Mindy Kaling are shopping (for very different things).

@SirPatStew: Nothing like an early start to the weekend - though not when your hotel is on fire.

@Snooki: I love the smell of good hairspray

@Sethrogen: I just impulse bought a 15 pound brisket.

@mindykaling: In Soho, Chanel is across the street from Crocs. High 'n low baby #nyc



1 Lohan back on the defense

I've only written The Word a few times, and I'm already sick of Lindsay Lohan. But it is my job to inform you of the latest in the troubled starlet's life, and I have news to share. Truthfully, nothing would really shock me these days, aside from hearing that she's dead (and sadly, even that wouldn't shock me too much), but she did take part in a revealing interview with Piers Morgan shortly before entering her 90-day rehab stay at the Betty Ford Center. Below, some of Lohan's quotes, and what we think was behind them:

"Everybody thinks I've done [cocaine] so many times. But I've only done it four or five times in my life."

Translation: "Ecstasy, on the other hand ..."

"I've never been a huge drinker. I've never woken up in the morning and had a drink."

Translation: "I sleep well into the afternoon, and then take a shot upon get-



ting up."

"I could write a book on rehab. Constantly sending me to rehab is pointless."

Translation: "Will somebody please give me a book deal? I really need money."

"I'd never steal a necklace."

Translation: "It wouldn't have matched my ankle monitor."

"I know I'm straight. ... I have made out with girls before and I had a relationship with a girl."

Translation: "I realized too late that Samantha Ronson is actually a woman."

Survey says ...



On Friday we asked you if Jennifer Aniston's flowy dresses and shifted wedding date might indicate a little sumthin'-sumthin' growing in her belly. Well, 57 percent of you out there think that indeed, the former "Friend" is preggo. Forty-three percent weighed in saying no way. If she's pregnant, that's great! Go Jen! And if not, that's OK too — all in good time, folks. It's quite possible that homegirl just ate a bunch of guacamole the day before those suspicious pictures were taken.



'Suburgatory' star pulls a fast one

Two things surprised me about Jane Levy, who plays the dry-humored teen Tessa Altman on ABC's "Suburgatory," this weekend. No. 1: She's 23. I swear, between she and Cory Monteith, Hollywood is all about casting people far removed from high school to tap into that inner teen angst. No. 2: She's getting divorced! Did anyone even know she was married? Apparently she was, TMZ says, to a guy named Jaime Freitas, who

has a bunch of random foreign acting credits to his name. Well, Levy filed for divorce on April 16, we're just hearing, citing that all-too-familiar "irreconcilable differences" note. The papers say she doesn't want to pay spousal support to Freitas, to whom she was wed since March 2011. I mean, can you blame her? That's probably the one smart decision this girl has made about her love life over the last two years.

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Actress Kerry Washington is one of the 'Peeples'

Interview. One of the stars of the new Tyler Perry movie talks about how fickle fate is in Hollywood.

The new film "Peeples" boasts Kerry Washington, star of "Scandal" and "Django Unchained," as its female lead. That would seem to make selling the delightful family comedy much easier. But that wasn't the case when the film was made. "We shot 'Peeples' before 'Scandal' even existed," Washington explains with a laugh. "I telepathically pulled it out of the sky."

Despite being filmed more than a year ago, "Peeples" is one of those rare Hollywood cases where a delay can be a good thing. "The movie got made a long time ago, and it was testing really well, but the studio just wanted to release it later," Washington says. "There were earlier dates, but it kept getting pushed. It's such a great example of things happening for a reason that you just have to trust, because we were sort of frustrated. And now it's almost as though here we have this great romantic comedy and we have grown into the actors that could present this comedy."

"Craig [Robinson, who co-stars] has five movies coming out this year — something crazy like that — and then there's 'Scandal' and 'Django,'" she says. "We've grown into being the kind of actors who could present 'Peeples' to the world and have it be received and appreciated in a way that we would've wanted it to be. Patience!"

Patience is a concept



"Peeples" star Kerry Washington got glammed up for the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner last week. / WIREIMAGE

Washington knows full well, as there have been plenty of instances that felt like career setbacks at the time but turned out to be for the best. "Twice in my career before 'Scandal,' I had been cast in pilots where the shows got picked up and I got fired. So they basically recast my character," she says. "At the time it felt like, 'OMG! Horrible!' But when I look back, one of the shows in particular, the show got picked up, the actors got put on hold for a year, they couldn't do any other work while the studio was

going to figure out what to do with the show.

"But they fired me, hired another actress, and in the same year I did 'Ray,'" Washington says. "So if I hadn't been fired I would not have had the opportunity to do an Oscar-nominated film that really changed my career. So for me, it has always been [that] even [if] in the moment I don't understand why this is a part of my journey, eventually I will."



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Beyonce, stop teasing us and just release the album already.
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Where in the world is Beyonce's album?

Music. The eager anticipation for her latest is driving us nuts. Here's what we know so far.

JAN. 10 The February 2013 GQ cover story announces that Beyonce's album could come out as early as April. She says the album will be mostly R&B. "I always have my Prince and rock/soul influences," says Beyonce. "There's a bit of D'Angelo, some '60s doo-wop. And Aretha [Franklin] and Diana Ross."

FEB. 11 The singer hints that the new album will be "a lot more sensual" and "empowering." So,

she's still a fierce, independent woman — but she's crazy in love and bootylicious?

MARCH 10 A fake track list for Bey's new album surfaces online. Knowing what we know now, there's probably no chance that "Ratchet" (feat. Lady Gaga & Azealia Banks) and "More Than Sex" (feat. Ne-Yo) are real songs, seeing that all the singles she has released were not on the list.

MARCH 17 Beyonce releases "Bow Down/I Been On" on her website. "I took some time to live my life, but don't think I'm just his little wife," she sings, adding, "Bow down, bitches" to her challengers.

MARCH 19 MediaTakeOut reports that Beyonce's new album will come out in Fall 2013 now because the two songs that were released — "Nuclear" and "Bow Down" — were not doing so well. "No one thought that both records would fall flat. They were supposed to be her biggest songs off the album," a source told the website.

MARCH 28 Rolling Stone

MAY 1

A publicist tells Metro that a Beyonce press conference in London, scheduled to promote her role in the animated film "Epic," is canceled. Perhaps this means she's finally finishing that album?

reports the album is called "Mrs. Carter" (but later reports say the album is yet to be titled).

APRIL 3 Producer, The-Dream, says Bey has a "very sexual" track called "TV Play." "She's talking about her man, hopefully," he says during "The Angie Martinez Show." "She was talking that talk. That's one of the best performances I've heard from her in that way."

APRIL 4 The new single "Grown Woman" is released in a minute-long Pepsi ad. The video features Beyonce in a room full of mirrors, each reflecting one of her old

looks.

APRIL 8 MTV reports in a story about Kelly Rowland that Beyonce will release an album within eight months.

APRIL 23 Don't fret: BFF Gwyneth Paltrow says Beyonce's album will be out soon. She told Digital Spy that she's heard a "lot, lot, lot" of the songs, but she doesn't know which ones will be left on the cutting room floor.

APRIL 23 Beyonce performs "Grown Woman" in Paris, but the unnamed album still has no release date.

APRIL 25 Beyonce debuts a 90-second clip of a new song "Standing on the Sun" for her H&M summer ad campaign.

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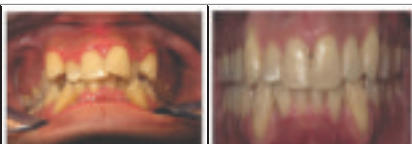
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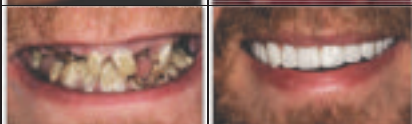
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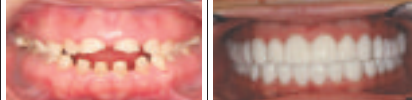
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Breeders make another 'Splash'

Reunions. The Breeders are back to celebrate the 20th anniversary of an album that was the 'Last' of its kind.

Kelley Deal says that when she found herself in a rehearsal room again with the definitive version of the Breeders after nearly 20 years, she had a revelation.

"I realized that 'Last Splash' was the only album that all of us had played on together," she says of the breakthrough record that the band are celebrating the anniversary of with a deluxe edition and their current tour. "I had never thought about that before."

Deal's twin sister Kim was the band's only constant on all albums. "Last Splash" was their second release, and their first with both Deal sisters playing on it. After that, the band splintered off and called



The Breeders, in their definitive incarnation, are, from left: Kelley Deal, Josephine Wiggs, Kim Deal and Jim MacPherson. They play a sold out show tonight at Webster Hall. / CHRIS GLASS

themselves the Amps after bassist Josephine Wiggs left. Though the Breeders reformed multiple times over the years, it was never with the rhythm section that gave the band their biggest hit, "Cannonball," which kicked the summer of 1993 into gear with a de-

finitive bass riff.

"I've played 'Cannonball' so many times, and I love the way [longtime Breeders bassist] Mando Lopez plays it, and he plays it right, but until we got back with Jo, it just never felt the same way," says Deal. "Because when you're the

one who comes up with the part, you really own it. When I play songs from [the Breeders first album] 'Pod,' it never feels quite right because I didn't come up with the parts."

The energy that Kelley Deal discovered in that rehearsal room this year with

her old band mates filled her with hope.

"I kept saying, 'Why don't we record more?' But then we realized if we didn't rehearse the 'Last Splash' songs then we'd play them really badly and play really well on these new songs that nobody

One divine hammer

When Kelley Deal reflects back upon what led to the Breeders' loss of momentum 20 years ago, she blames herself. It wasn't quite the usual rock formula of success leads to tension between band members.

"There wasn't tension. I had a drug arrest," she says.

Deal says she hasn't had a drink in nearly 20 years, and the climate is different on this tour as far as drugs.

"Maybe there's more prescription drugs," she jokes.

wanted to hear," she says.

Deal says a new album by the classic lineup isn't out of the question for later. "When we were together, it just really clicked."



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In "Java Heat," Kellan Lutz — of "Twilight" fame — plays an American in Indonesia who teams up with a local cop (Aria Bayu) to stop a terrorist (Mickey Rourke). The film showcases Lutz's physicality as he gets to shoot guns and run, jump and dive as well as show off his physique. On a break (and admittedly exhausted) from training in Bulgaria for the upcoming "Hercules," Lutz chatted with us about making the film.

How much of the stunt work did you get to do?

One of the things that drew me to the project was the chance to do my own stunts. There's a scene of rolling down the stairs in the temple. I wanted to do this, but the stunt guys said they've split their head open doing it. So I didn't, and they did, and I'm glad I didn't have to do that. I liked getting Tasered, though. I've done that in a couple of movies.

What can you say about being an action hero?

Doing action is one of my strengths as an actor. I enjoy being the hero and

blowing stuff up. Shooting the gun in the Mexican standoff in "Java Heat" was tough. You don't want to blink — because it shows weakness — but it's nature to blink when firing a gun. I couldn't do it without blinking.

There are a lot of opportunities for you to show off your body.

It's another strength I've been given. If nudity is called for, and what people want to see, I'm fine doing it. But I don't walk down the street with my shirt tucked in my pants or run on the beach with my shirt off to [attract attention]. I think it helped to be a model — shooting Calvin Klein made me more comfortable and free with my body.

What part of your role — an ex-Marine turned FBI/cop posing as a college TA — did you identify with most?

I have to say the Marine. I really enjoy armed forces projects. My brother is in the Army,

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"Doing action is one of my strengths as an actor. I enjoy being the hero and blowing stuff up."

Lutz



and I was close to joining the Navy to become a Navy Seal. I have a passion for the military — they were the heroes I had growing up. I played with Ninja Turtles and He-Man and Hercules and Power Rangers. I didn't watch movies. For me, it was army shows and the Marines in their fatigues that were really cool.

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Q&A

Your character in the film is told to listen and not talk. Are you the strong, silent type?

In life, I see myself as an extrovert. But people are now calling me quiet and reserved. I don't open up to many

people, but I am outgoing. I am always pondering. I try to be in the moment fully. Usually, I'm the opposite of Jake — not a bull in a china shop, but more like a chess player thinking three steps ahead.

KELLAN LUTZ

The "Java Heat" star will also do nudity, if that's what you want.

HE LIKES GETTING TASERED

Kellan Lutz is seen in a rare clothed scene in "Java Heat." / ERIK JURGEN, ERLAND

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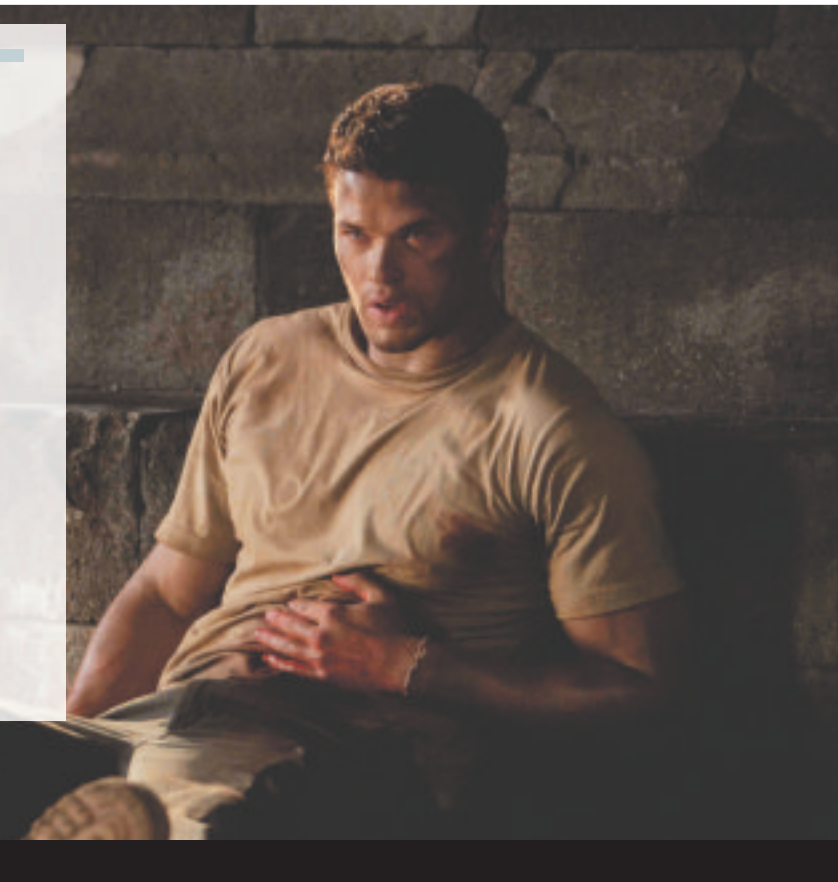
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Penn Badgely plays Jeff Buckley in "Greetings From Tim Buckley." / FROM A TO Z PRODUCTIONS

Like father, like son

Music biopic. Penn Badgely does his best Jeff Buckley in this somewhat pleasant indie.

One day may bring a dreadful, career-spanning biopic about Jeff Buckley, the singer/songwriter who drowned days before recording his sophomore album. The existence of a smaller, more intimate entry like "Greetings From Tim Buckley" — named for his dad, another musical martyr, who figures here like a ghost — at least forestalls the inevitable. Daniel Algrant's indie, starring

Penn Badgely as the pre-fame crooner, trades in many of the same biopic clichés, including viewing Buckley less as a person than as a magical embodiment of free spirit and deep hurt. But for every irritation there's a lovely moment that breaks out of the mould.

"Buckley" zeroes in on a tiny sliver of an artist's life, namely before Buckley the younger's first public performance in 1991. A concert in honor of his late father, whom he met twice ever, is being organized and Jeff's presence is requested, though no one yet knows he's a future doomed genius. Arriving in NYC, he instantly woos the easily wooable Allie

Review

'Greetings from
Tim Buckley'

Director: Daniel Algrant

Stars: Penn Badgely,
Imogen Poots

Rating: NR

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(Imogen Poots, alert and exciting as usual), a concert aide.

Grating and rock biopic cliché as some of this can be, there's a lot to admire. Algrant's script jumps back to Tim Buckley (Ben Rosenfield), as he goes off

on his own devil-may-care trek, spouting cheesy lines as he seduces his own set of ladies. Jeff is different and the same: He has some of the same moves, as if through genetics — but unlike his father, he's burdened by the absence of a famous dad. Algrant doesn't lean too hard on the juxtapositions. Scenes set to music flow at the unhurried, languid pace of the songs themselves, giving over to the mood embedded in the lyrics, staying contemplative before getting back to characters who ruin everything by talking.



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'Iron Man 3' soars with \$175.3 million in US, Canada debut

Box office. The superhero flick was the second-biggest film opening.

Superhero sequel "Iron Man 3" rocketed to the top of U.S. and Canadian box office charts, kicking off Hollywood's summer movie season with \$175.3 million in weekend ticket sales for the second-biggest film opening of all time.

Combined with international sales, the movie from Walt Disney Co.'s Marvel Studios brought its global haul to an estimated \$680.1 million, Disney said on Sunday.

The film stars Robert Downey Jr. as billionaire businessman Tony Stark, whose superhero alter-ego spars with an evil extremist.

"Iron Man 3" fed off the success of the first two installments, plus last year's "The Avengers," a superhero mash-up that united Iron Man, The Hulk and other Marvel characters.

"Iron Man 3" finished

second on the all-time list behind "Avengers" and ahead of the July 2011 release of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 2," which opened with \$169.2 million, according to the box office division of Hollywood.com.

"It is an extraordinary start," said Dave Hollis, Disney's executive vice president of distribution. "The start on the U.S. side is something that we are exceptionally proud of."

The \$200-million production is another hit for Disney, which is focusing its movie studio on franchise films like "Iron Man" that can spawn movie sequels, toy sales and theme park rides.

The big domestic numbers for "Iron Man 3" boosted the overall box office, which is dragging behind 2012 after a sluggish winter and spring.

Studios are counting on summer action films, superhero stories and sequels to lift ticket sales in the coming months. Future releases include sci-fi sequel "Star Trek Into Darkness," the Superman

reboot "Man of Steel" and robot-versus-aliens action flick "Pacific Rim."

The "Iron Man" mania trounced all other movies over the weekend.

Last week's winner, dark action comedy "Pain & Gain," dropped to second place with \$7.6

million. Baseball drama "42" took the No. 3 slot with \$6.2 million. Rounding out the top five, Tom Cruise's post-apocalyptic thriller "Oblivion" grossed \$5.79 million, and the animated film "The Croods" rang up \$4.2 million. **REUTERS**



Robert Downey Jr. rings the NYSE opening bell in celebration of "Iron Man 3." / FILMMAGIC

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'Felt'

This new show chronicles puppets in couples therapy. The weird part is that it actually looks promising.

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"Dear Mom, Love Cher" premieres tonight at 10 on Lifetime. / MICHAEL LAVINE

DRAMA

'Bates Motel'

This prequel to "Psycho" attempts to answer nagging little questions, like: "What leads a person to keep their dead mom in a rocking chair?"

10 P.M., A&E

SPECIAL

'Dear Mom, Love Cher'

The documentary about Cher's mom presumably

fills in the body of the hypothetical letter that would fit inside of the middle of the title.

10 P.M., LIFETIME

REALITY

'Newlyweds: The First Year'

This documentary series follows newlyweds from vows through their first anniversaries to provide an inside view of marriage. Spoiler: None of the people featured are Jessica Simpson.

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PLUS

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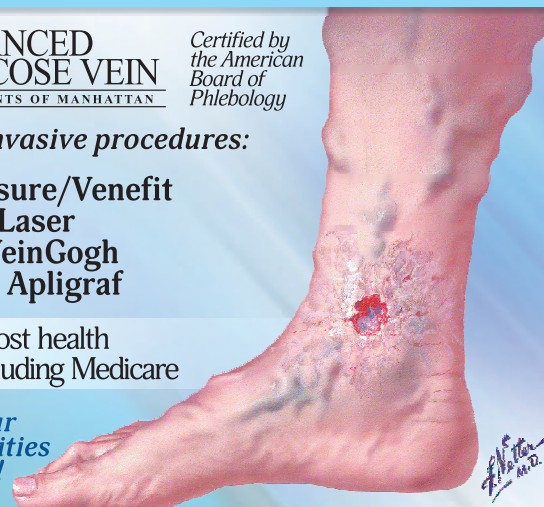
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I have a show on Hay House radio every Wednesday. The show before mine is hosted by Dr. Christiane Northrup, so I often listen to the last 15 minutes of her program. Even as a passive listener of Dr. Northrup's show, I always pick up some kind of incredible wisdom and advice. On one show, a caller complained that her mother loved to rant about how miserable she was. The caller went on to say, "My mother hates life and doesn't believe in happiness."

When I heard this comment, I perked up with curiosity wondering how Dr. Northrup would answer. Without hesitation she responded, "Just let her rant!" She went on to explain that when people insist on living in fear, our job isn't to transform them. Instead, a power-



If there's a Debbie Downer in your life, just leave her be, Bernstein suggests. / NBC VIA GETTY IMAGES

ful tool for dealing with negative people is to just let them be negative. Dr. Northrup suggested that when the other person wants to complain, you let them — and even go as far as to engage in the negativity. You can say

things like, "I know how hard this must be for you. This really sucks," and so on. By reinforcing their negativity, it's likely that they will experience two responses: They may feel a sense of relief because they no longer need to

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Simply allowing people to witness their behavior can help them move beyond it.

defend their bad attitude, or they may experience a breakthrough moment where they actually witness the illusion of their negativity. Regardless of the outcome, this practice will help the other person experience their negativity firsthand.

Simply allowing people to witness their behavior can help them move beyond it. Use this tool with family members, lovers, co-workers and even your children. Let all that needs to be said rise to the surface. Then, once they have the firsthand experience of freely feeling their negativity, you can gently suggest a new perception. Maybe you offer them a more

positive way to perceive their life, or maybe you share a experience of your own that can empower them. Gently lead them in a new direction, and you'll be amazed how receptive they will be.

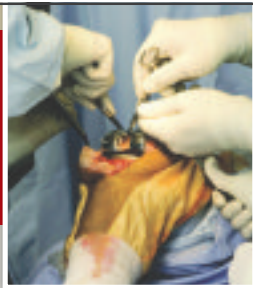
This practice will not only support the other person, but it will greatly help you. When we resist the negativity of others we start to feel negative. Whereas when you just allow the negativity to rise and pass, you can be the observer rather than a sponge soaking up their bad vibes. Test-drive this exercise the next time you're around a Negative Nancy and enjoy the uplifting results.

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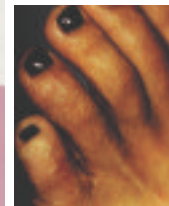
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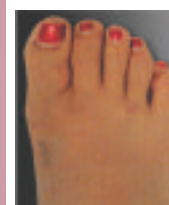
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With caps and gowns looming, career columnist Dan Schawbel shares five tips to help students graduate into employment.

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Dan Schawbel is a Gen Y career expert, the founder of Millennial Branding and the author of "Me 2.0."



It's that time of the year when graduating students are desperately looking for jobs. Some may have already secured one, but others are in panic mode and are even willing to settle for a position just to have an income. A new national study — conducted by my company and employment site, AfterCollege — shows that out of

the 600 students who participated, 79 percent have had at least one internship in the past six months, 57 percent of those internships were unpaid and 76 percent didn't result in a job offer. These numbers are staggering and show that the job market hasn't recovered. Here are some tips for securing a job upon graduation.

Find networking opportunities

About 57 percent of students wish their schools offered more networking opportunities. It's your responsibility to find and create your own opportunities, even if your college doesn't have them. Use Eventbrite.com or Meetup.com to find events in your area.



Don't take anything

for granted

About 44 percent of those surveyed only apply to between one and five jobs at a time. After submitting your application, don't stop

and wait for a response — keep going. You need to be proactive in your job search if you want results.

Work harder at it

You need to make your job search a full-time job. The more jobs you apply for, as long as you're qualified for them, the higher the probability of success.



Think like an

entrepreneur

When asked if they were interested in starting a company in the next few years, 62 percent of students weren't interested. Entrepreneurship is now a viable path to a job, so if you have a great idea and ambition, go for it.

Come prepared

For many, the most stressful part of job applications is the interview. I've also found that employers feel students are often unprepared. Use the Internet to find information on the company and people you're interviewing with as well as industry news.



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The office is getting goofier

Training. A growing number of corporate entities adopt improv theater techniques and learn how to say "yes, and ..."

When most people think about improv comedy classes, they think about over-the-top performances

and aspiring future "Saturday Night Live" cast members. While this reputation for goofiness might seem ill-suited for the buttoned-up professional world, many improv theater companies are challenging these expectations by offering corporate training courses to various companies. By drawing upon lessons from the world of improv, instructors strive to promote the development of team building, communication and problem solv-

ing skills applicable to the workplace.

"Improv is so cavalier and edgy," concedes Carter Edwards, who helps the corporate leg of the Upright Citizens Brigade. "But as soon as we started this, we started to see how translatable the philosophies of improv were to corporate training." Chief among these philosophies is the strategy of "yes, and ..." which encourages actors in a scene to accept and build upon anything their partners create. "The majority of the corporate world would never think to do this, but as soon as we describe it to them, there's a major 'a-ha!' moment that goes on with the participants," Edwards says.

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Members of the Stage Coach Improv company help the corporate world say "yes, and ..." / PROVIDED

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"I love watching the transformation in people when they finally relax enough to have fun with it." Rebecca Cronin

productively, Rob DiNinni of Stage Coach Improv has also made "yes, and ..." a central tenet of his corporate improv program. "If you acknowledge and understand someone's point of view, you create a collaborative environment,

DiNinni explains. "You can debate instead of negate."

Employees often bring these lessons back to their jobs after completing the program. Rebecca Cronin partnered with Stage Coach Improv as part of her work at Phillips. She describes a heated meeting at the office shortly after several employees participated in a Stage Coach training session. "One of my colleagues stepped in and said, 'Yes, we're going to do that, and ...' in a really exaggerated tone, and got everyone laughing," Cronin says. Recalling

the lesson from improv helped get the meeting back on track.

Despite these professional benefits, it can be difficult to convince people to unwind in a work setting. "With professionals, you have folks who are at their best in front of a computer," DiNinni says. "We try to create a psychological safety net so everyone feels comfortable taking risks."

The majority of participants do eventually get past that hump. "I love watching the transformation in people when they finally relax enough to have fun with it," Cronin says. "These workshops are the time and place for it."



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James takes MVP

LeBron James was crowned the NBA's Most Valuable Player for the fourth time in his career yesterday. James led the Heat to an NBA-best 66 wins in the regular season. He averaged 26.8 points, 8.0 rebounds and 7.2 assists per game. While James was the runaway winner of the award, it was not unanimous. New York's Carmelo Anthony received one first-place vote.

Many happy returns

Rogers may return

Former U.S. national team member Robbie Rogers is reportedly mulling a return to Major League Soccer. Rogers came out as gay in February and announced he was retiring from soccer at the same time. Rogers, 25, has been training with the Los Angeles Galaxy recently and last played for Leeds United in The Championship, England's second-best league.

Wily veteran

Hudson outduels Mets' Niese

Chalk one up to veteran experience.

Tim Hudson took on Mets ace Jon Niese yesterday and the 15-year veteran continued his strong start to the season in a 9-4 Braves win. Hudson improved to 4-1 with 7 1/3 innings pitched and three earned runs.

Niese meanwhile struggled, allowing five runs in the third innings as he dropped to 2-3 on the season. The Mets have lost the last four games Niese has started after winning in his first three starts. **METRO**

El Nino

Kovalchuk stars in worlds

The Devils missed out on the playoffs one year after going to the finals, but their best player is still starring on the ice.

Ilya Kovalchuk had three goals in a victory for Russia over Germany at the hockey world championships yesterday.

Nino Niederreiter, who is a member of the Islanders organization but not with their club in the postseason, had a goal for Switzerland in a surprise upset of world power Canada.

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Thunder up

Thunder outlast Grizz

In the other second-round playoff series beginning yesterday, the Thunder managed to beat the Grizzlies on the strength of a 29-18 fourth quarter.

Kevin Durant finished with 35 points, 15 rebounds and six assists. He also hit a transition jumper with 11 seconds left to put Oklahoma City up 91-90 as they held on to win by a final score of 93-91. **METRO**



Carmelo Anthony was constantly hounded by a physical Pacers defense that forced him to shoot 10-for-28 in Game 1. / NBAE, GETTY IMAGES

Indiana sets pace in Game 1 victory

NBA playoffs.

The Knicks were outmuscled by the Pacers at home in the series opener.

The Knicks finally vanquished the Celtics, but their reward was the younger and larger Pacers.

The Pacers showed the Knicks they're likely going to be an even bigger threat than Boston, as they drew first blood with a convinc-

ing 102-95 win in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

"They just flat out played harder than we did today," said Carmelo Anthony. "That was the key in their victory."

Anthony hasn't been effective in over a week during these playoffs. He's gone 35-of-130 (26.9 percent) from the field, including 2-of-22 behind the arc, in the last four games.

Head coach Mike Woodson specifically called out center Tyson Chandler, who was outplayed by Roy

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"Obviously we're upset losing at home, losing that first game, but at the same time we still got six games left."

Raymond Felton, Knicks point guard

Hibbert. Chandler fouled out at the 2:36 mark of the fourth quarter, but he was nonexistent all afternoon. The 7-foot-1 pivot was lost in the shadow of the 7-foot-2 Hibbert, as he could only muster four points and three rebounds.

"I thought they played

harder than our team tonight, that's the difference," said Woodson. "I thought Hibbert played better [than Chandler] tonight, too."

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Andy Pettitte struggled through five innings, allowing four runs.

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MLB. Pettitte blasts control after A's loss

Even if manager Joe Girardi is not concerned, Andy Pettitte will always be his biggest critic.

"I'm not going to judge someone on two starts," Girardi said after yesterday's 5-4 loss to Oakland. "If it goes on for a month, then I think obviously there's some concern. I think every pitcher in the big leagues has probably had two

starts that you know weren't so good and not what you're used to seeing from a particular pitcher."

"It's a struggle," Pettitte said. "The issue is everything again. Just everything that you want to try to do as a starting pitcher, I'm not able to do right now. I had no command of my fast-ball." **LARRY FLEISHER**



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Parting shot



Carlesimo went 38-23 after taking over for Avery Johnson in December. / GETTY IMAGES

Nets part ways with Carlesimo as season ends

The Nets waited four months to make a decision on whether to make interim head coach P.J. Carlesimo the permanent man in charge. But they didn't wait long after the season ended to let him go.

General manager Billy King met with reporters at the team facility the day after their season ended to announce Carlesimo

had been fired.

"It was a difficult decision and we talked about it, but looking at the long term and the future of this organization, I felt it was in the best interest to find the right fit," said King, who signed a multiyear extension of his own just last month. "I thanked him; he did a hell of a job for us in a difficult situation."

The Nets lost to the Bulls in Game 7 of the opening round of the playoffs Saturday night at the Barclays Center.

MARK OSBORNE

Raucous Coliseum not enough in Game 3 loss

NHL playoffs. The Islanders lose a heartbreaker to the Penguins after rallying to force overtime.

What was lost in the euphoria surrounding the Islanders' first playoff appearance in six years was that playoff games, by their very nature, can be painful.

It is a lesson the Islanders learned Sunday afternoon.

"We played [well]. We played a good game. We need to regroup and know that we're playing some good hockey. We're creating opportunities and believe in ourselves," said John Tavares after



Sidney Crosby, left, celebrates after the assist on Chris Kunitz's game-winner in overtime on Sunday.

BRUCE BENNETT, GETTY IMAGES

the Islanders' 5-4 overtime loss to the Penguins in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference quarterfinal series.

Chris Kunitz's power-play goal 8:44 into the extra session was the game-winner. Sidney Crosby drew the penalty by forcing Brain Strait to taking a holding penalty as the best player in the world curled toward Islanders goaltender Evgeni Nabokov.

Down 4-2 in the third,

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"The sun is going to come up tomorrow. It takes four to win the series."

Jack Capuano, Islanders head coach
On whether he was disappointed to miss out on a chance to earn a win

the Islanders fought back to tie the game. Kyle Okposo's second goal of the

series cut the deficit to 4-3. Tavares tied the game 5:17 later with his first of the series.

"Your best players are going to be your best players for us to have a chance," Capuano said.

They were, but the Islanders are still down 2-1 in a series they arguably could be leading.

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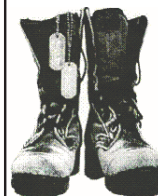
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